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FOR: PRODUCTS FOR DETECTING NUCLEIC ACIDS (as amended)

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of
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Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please enter the following amendments before examination of this application.

IN THE TITLE:

Change the title, wherever it appears (e.g., cover page, page 1 and page 143), to read
--PRODUCTS FOR DETECTING NUCLEIC ACIDS--.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Amend the specification as follows.

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Page 1, after the title and before the first paragraph, insert --This is a continuation of
Appln. No. 09/056,927, filed April 8, 1998, pending; which is a continuation of Appln. No.
08/670,118, filed June 25, 1996, now U.S. Pat. No. 5,800,992; which is a divisional of Appln.
No. 08/168,904, filed December 15, 1993; which is a continuation of Appln. No. 07/624,114,
filed December 6, 1990, now abandoned; which is a continuation in-part of commonly
assigned Appln. No. 07/492,462, filed March 7, 1990, now U.S. Pat. No. 5,143,854; and
Appln. No. 07/362,901, filed June 7, 1989, now abandoned which are hereby incorporated by
reference.

Additional commonly assigned Appln. Nos. 07/624,120 and 07/626,730, both of
which were filed on December 6, 1990; Appln. No. 07/435,316, filed November 13, 1989,
now abandoned; and U.S. Pat. No. 5,252,743 are also hereby incorporated herein by